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Re: Request for Records in *US v. John Doe*, EDNY Docket No. 98-cr-1101

Dear Honorable Judges:

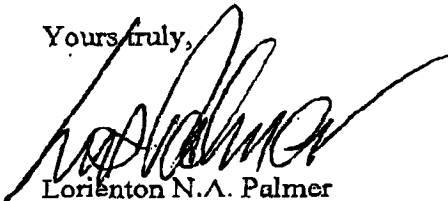
I am hereby requesting that the court files in the above-referenced case be immediately unsealed and that I be allowed a chance to review and/or copy those files.

The referenced case was discussed in the February 5, 2012 New York Times article written by Benjamin Weiser.

Under the decisions of the US Supreme Court (including Press-Enterprise v. Superior Court of California, 464 US 50 (1984)) and the Second Circuit's decisions (including Hartford-Courant v. Pellegrino, 360 F3d 83 (2004)), the public has a right, under the First Amendment, to review a criminal court docket unless there is a specific finding that sealing that docket is essential to preserve a higher value and the related sealing order is "narrowly tailored to serve that interest." That "narrowly tailored" interest must be spelled out "with findings specific enough that a reviewing court can determine whether the closure order was properly entered."

As a US citizen and a citizen and resident of the State of New York, I am requesting that the files in the matter "*US v. John Doe*, 98-cr-1101" – including the records, transcripts and related appeals- be immediately unsealed and that I be allowed a chance to review and/or copy those files.

Yours truly,



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